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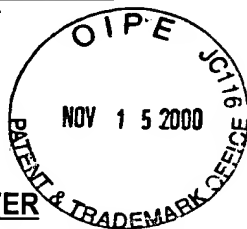
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PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): CHANDRASEGARAN
 Appln. No.: 09 | 281,792
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Filed: March 31, 1999

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Group Art Unit: 1648
 Examiner: H.T. Park
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Appln. Title: METHODS FOR INACTIVATING
 TARGET DNA AND FOR DETECTING
 CONFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN A
 NUCLEIC ACID

Date: November 15, 2000

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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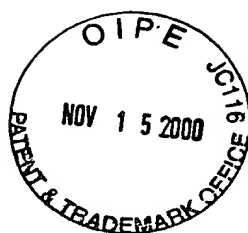
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued August 15, 2000, please amend the application as follows, enter the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith and consider the remarks below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached Sequence Listing for that which was originally filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,792,640. Filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer over the '640 patent, thereby overcoming the rejection.

The Office Action also included a Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirements. The computer readable form in this application, 09/281,792, is identical with that filed in application no. 08/575,361, filed May 7, 1996. Please use the only computer